

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did Jesus show any sign of resentment of His mistreatment?
2. Why did Jesus refuse the drink intended to dull His senses?
3. Which scripture verses prophesied about the events mentioned in verses 23 and 24?
4. Why was it necessary for Christ to endure such severe scorn and mockery? What are some ways people still mock God today?
5. What was the reason for the superscription?
6. What is the significance of the rending of the veil of the Temple?
7. What is the significance of the rending of the veil from the top to the bottom, instead of from the bottom to the top?

SUMMARY:

Jesus knew His hour had come to give His life for the sins of men. As the soldiers mocked, reviled, beat, and finally crucified Him, He patiently bore it all. There was no malice in His heart, but only a prayer, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." His great love for us motivated Him to willingly give His life for our sins, suffering the full penalty of sin for us that we could be justified by His blood, made free from sin and accepted by God as His sons. [\[SoF:4\]](#) "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

NOTES:

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 2, 2023

Second Quarter

THE KING CRUCIFIED [\[SoF:4\]](#)

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 15:16-41*

LESSON SETTING: Jesus was mocked in the hall called Praetorium and then led to Golgotha (the place of a skull) for His crucifixion just outside of Jerusalem.

TIME: About 33 A.D.

- I. THE SUFFERING KING.** Mark 15:16-28
 - A. Humiliated (vs. 17) Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:28
 - B. Smitten (vs. 19) Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67
 - C. Crucified (vs. 24) 1 Peter 3:18
- II. THE MOCKING CROWD.** Mark 15:29-32
 - A. Reviled (vs. 29) Psalm 22:7-8
 - B. Despised (vs. 29) John 10:20
 - C. Mocked (vs. 30-32) Luke 22:63; 23:39
 - D. Disbelieved (vs. 32) Matthew 13:58; John 3:11; 12:37
- III. THE DYING SAVIOR.** Mark 15:33-41
 - A. Forsaken (vs. 34) Isaiah 54:7
 - B. Gave His Life (vs. 37) John 10:18; 19:11
 - C. Recognized by Some (vs. 39-40)
 - D. Gained for Us Access (vs. 38) Romans 5:2; Hebrews 10:19-21

GOLDEN TEXT: THERE IS ONE GOD, AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

1 Timothy 2:5

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 16:1-20

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 16:1-11; 22:22-31

QUARTERLY THEME: Samuel and Saul - 1 Samuel

TOPIC: THE KING'S RESURRECTION

INTRODUCTION:

When experiencing the loss of a loved one by death, life seems to have lost all meaning to those who have no hope of meeting again. But the hope of meeting your loved ones again makes grief bearable. What makes it possible for us to have this precious hope? Only the resurrection of our blessed King. He too died and was placed in the grave only to be resurrected the third morning after. His resurrection makes it possible for Him in the Spirit to dwell within us and then when death overtakes us His resurrection will become a reality to us. The grave cannot hold us, it has only the earthly shell, but the soul is free and with the Heavenly Father.

When the women came early in the morning to Jesus' tomb the two angels said to them, "Why seek ye the **living** among the dead?" (Luke 24:5) Jesus was not with the dead. He had arisen and had received His glorified body. **He lives** and so shall each of our loved ones who have lived for Him. We **shall** meet again!

CENTRAL TRUTH: As Jesus died on the cross to save men from their sins, so His resurrection gives men the hope of eternal life with Him.

GOLDEN TEXT: YE SEEK JESUS OF NAZARETH WHICH WAS CRUCIFIED: HE IS RISEN: HE IS NOT HERE: BEHOLD THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM.
Mark 16:6

How fitting that an angel should announce the resurrection of Jesus. It was a chorus of angels that had announced His birth. The plan was formulated in the heart and mind of God long before man was created. We cannot begin to comprehend the love of God. Even before creation, God was aware of the danger of temptation which man would face.

He knew the jealousy and hatred of Satan. When man fell into sin and was condemned to death and separated from God, Jesus was willing to come to earth to pay the price for sin.

Now His victory was complete. The angel gave the glad tidings. "He is risen." He has returned to heaven to prepare a place for all those who would rise to a new life in Him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 3 – 9

- Mon. The Prophecy of Resurrection. Psalm 16:1-11
- Tue. The Song of Resurrection. Psalm 22:22-31
- Wed. The Angelic Announcement. Mark 16:1-7
- Thu. The Unbelieving Disciples. Mark 16:8-13
- Fri. *The Master's Commission. Mark 16:14-20
- Sat. The Final Words of Jesus. Luke 24:44-53
- Sun. The Believers' Resurrection Message. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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